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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| HIROSHI NOBUTA ET AL. | | : Examiner: M. E.) : Group Art Unit: 2 | |
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| For: | IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND METHOD |) October 28, 200 |)4 |

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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